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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant(s): Thomas et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/898,255  
Conf. No.: 1910  
Filed: July 3, 2001  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A  
FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE  
COMMUNICATION DEVICE  
Art Unit: 2876  
Examiner: D. St. Cyr  
Docket No.: 112701-470

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT  
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner dated July 19, 2005 rejecting Claims 1-4, 6, 10-29, and 32-37.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

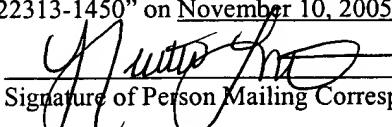
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